

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2055, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, as amended.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4681–S4739*

**Measures Introduced:** Six bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1389–1394. **Page S4721**

**Measures Passed:**

*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act:* By 97 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 115), Senate passed H.R. 2055, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, after agreeing to the substitute amendment, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4687–91, S4700–12**

Adopted:

Johnson (SD) Further Modified Amendment No. 556, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4687, S4701–02**

Wyden/Merkley Amendment No. 570, to provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon. **Page S4687**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 562, to restrict the use of funds for a permanent United States Africa Command headquarters outside of the United States. **Page S4702**

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 563, to limit the availability of funds for military construction projects at Grafenwohr and Baumholder, Germany, pending a report on the brigade combat team scheduled to be withdrawn from Germany in 2015. **Page S4702**

Ayotte Amendment No. 575, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, to submit a report to Congress detailing the Secretary's plans, and identifying challenges, both technical and administrative, to ensure that advanced, next-generation prosthetics are made available to injured mem-

bers of the Armed Forces and veterans in a timely manner. **Pages S4700–01**

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 577, of a perfecting nature. **Pages S4701, S4703**

Rejected:

Vitter Amendment No. 568, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S4687, S4690–91**

Coburn Amendment No. 564, to require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents. (By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4687, S4702–04**

Withdrawn:

Coburn (for McCain) Amendment No. 553, to eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000, not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program. **Page S4687**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Johnson (SD), Inouye, Landrieu, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Tester, Leahy, Kirk, Hutchison, McConnell, Murkowski, Blunt, Hoeven, Coats, and Cochran.

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*Cut, Cap, and Balance Act—Agreement:* A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that when the Senate receives H.R. 2560, to cut, cap, and balance the Federal budget, it be ordered to be read twice and placed on the Calendar;

provided further, that when the Senate considers the motion to proceed to the bill, the time until 2:00 p.m. be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the next 30 minutes.

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**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the former Liberian regime of Charles Taylor and on the continuation of the national emergency blocking property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia that was established in Executive Order 13348 on July 22, 2004; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-14)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Walter Fitzgerald, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**

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**Privileges of the Floor:**

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**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—115)

Pages S4691, S4703-05

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4729.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERALS' CORPS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine providing legal services by members of the Judge Advocate Generals' Corps, after receiving testimony from Colonel Daniel J. Dell'Orto, JAGC, USA (Ret.), Chairman, and Lieutenant General Pete Osman, USMC (Ret.), Panel Member, both of the Independent Panel Review of Judge Advocate Requirements of the Department of the Navy, Lieutenant General Dana K. Chipman, JAGC, USA, Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, Vice Admiral James W. Houck, JAGC, USN, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy, Lieutenant General Richard C. Harding, JAGC, USAF, Judge Advocate General of the United States Air Force, and Major General Vaughn A. Ary, USMC, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### ACCESS TO CAPITAL

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine access to capital, focusing on fostering job creation and innovation through high-growth startups, after receiving testimony from Ted D. Zoller, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Elizabeth Conner Marchi, Frontier Angel Fund, LLC, Polson, Montana; and Robert F. Bargatze, Ligocyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Bozeman, Montana.

### AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine building American transportation infrastructure through innovative funding, after receiving testimony from Polly Trottenberg, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Transportation Policy; Stephen J. Bruno, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, Robert Dove, Carlyle Group, and T. Peter Ruane, American Road and Transportation Builders Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and J. Perry Offutt, Morgan Stanley and Co., LLC, New York, New York.

### GULF OIL SPILL

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard concluded a hearing to examine looking to the future, focusing on lessons in prevention, response, and restoration from the Gulf oil spill, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Paul F.